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Re: Application of: Rolf LUTHER, et al.
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For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC
DETECTION OF AT LEAST ONE FLUORESCENT
AND/OR LIGHT-ABSORBENT INDICATOR
CONTAINED IN A LIQUID SERVICE FLUID
DURING THE FILLING OF A MACHINE WITH
SAID SERVICE FLUID**

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